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MEMORANDUM

TO: General Counsel  
FROM: Special Funds Division  
SUBJ: Executive Order 9805

1. A question has arisen regarding the maximum weight allowances for the shipment of household goods authorized by Executive Order 9805. Under title (3) of the Executive Order, the gross weight for shipments involving transportation by vessel over all or part of route or by rail or motor carriers requiring packing or crating, is stated to be 8,750 pounds. However, this limitation is qualified with the following statement: "In the case of shipments involving transportation by vessel over all or part of the distance, the gross weight of the property shall be considered to be 80% of the combined weight of the property and the packing, crating, boxing, and lift vans used for the shipment".

2. A case at hand is the shipment by an employee of 5,980 pounds net weight in a steel lift van weighing 3,720 pounds, making a combined gross weight for household effects and van 9,700 pounds.

3. Legal opinion is requested as to whether or not employee is personally liable for the cost of transporting 950 pounds, which is the excess of gross weight over the 8,750 pounds maximum allowance referred to above. If employee is liable for the cost of transporting an amount other than 950 pounds, how is such amount computed, in compliance with Executive Order 9805

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